

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10443–S10497

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1788–1795. **Pages S10486–87**

Measures Reported:

S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 379, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, with amendments.

S. 1793, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS. **Page S10486**

Measures Considered:

Medicare Physicians Fairness Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1776, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula. **Page S10465**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 15, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2009; provided further, that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2009, there be 60 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to the vote at 5:30 p.m. **Page S10465**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10465**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2009. **Pages S10465, S10495**

Conference Reports:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 80 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 322), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S10462–64**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Brendan V. Johnson, of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Karen Louise Loeffler, of Alaska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

Steven Gerard O'Donnell, of Rhode Island, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years. **Pages S10495, S10497**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2013.

Joseph F. Bader, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2012.

Peter Stanley Winokur, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2014.